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FANWOOD

The conference of Superintendents of the New York State Residential Schools met with Mr. Joseph J. Endres, Chief of the Bureau of Physically Handicapped Children, on last Friday. Those present were:

Mother M. Constantia, Principal, and Sister Rose Gertrude, Assistant Principal, of Le Couteux St. Mary's Institution for the Deaf, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dr. Hanna Miller, Superintendent, and Miss Bertha J. O'Brien, Principal, of St. Joseph's School for the Deaf, New York City.

Mr. T. C. Forrester, Superintendent, Rochester School for the Deaf, Rochester, N. Y.

Mr. John B. Hague, Principal, Central New York School for the Deaf, Rome, N. Y.

Mr. Victor O. Skyberg, Superintendent, New York School for the Deaf, White Plains, N. Y.

Mr. Clarence D. O'Connor, Superintendent, Lexington School for the Deaf, New York City.

Mr. Darrel W. Rider, Superintendent of the Northern New York School for the Deaf, Malone, New York.

Matters relative to the varied program of the Residential Schools were considered and certain definite policies were outlined. Sub-committees of the conference were appointed to develop information and procedure in some of the most important work of the conference. For the third consecutive year Superintendent V. O. Skyberg was elected Chairman to the Conference, and Mr. Clarence D. O'Connor similarly as Secretary of the Conference.

Mrs. Mayme Voorhees had an unfortunate accident last week, when her car started to roll down hill after she had parked it. In attempting to stop it from the running board, she was thrown off, and sustained a fractured rib, necessitating a plaster cast. Mrs. Voorhees is at present in the Tarrytown Hospital, and will remain for a month or so. Mrs. M. Somers, a former teacher, is substituting for her in the meantime.

Mrs. L. Thompson, known as Emma Larson at the old Fanwood School, made a surprise visit here last week with her husband and niece. She lives in Rochester, and came to attend the Golden Wedding celebration of her sister in Pleasantville, not very far from here. Miss Judge escorted the party around the buildings. Miss Judge and Mrs. Thompson were classmates and had not seen each other for over forty years.

Miss Elva Skyberg is enrolled in the pre-medical course of the College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Miss Valdine Skyberg is enrolled as a Junior of the Bronxville Senior High School.

Former Major Altenderfer, who retired last June after twenty-nine years of service at the school, writes that he is now working on a two-story garage in his home place in the Catskills. He says the job is quite difficult, but enjoys it very much. Both he and his wife are getting along fine in his mountain town.

A new council for the General Organization has been formed which is composed of Cadets Walter Gaska, president; George Konrady, appointed by Athletic Director Tainsly, and Pete Tuigli by one of the largest votes from the General Organization members. They will direct cadet affairs through the General Organization.

A new organization called the Junior General Organization was formed Thursday afternoon, September 28th, in the school auditorium. Counselors Greenberg and Crichton were present, with Cadet George Konrady presiding. Cadet Konrady managed the election for officers which resulted as follows: Herbert Schneider, president; Abe Cooke, vice-president, and Stanley Hoffman, the collector. This new organization is especially for the smaller boys and it will likely be equal to the senior organization.

Plans for the shows to be given by the Dramatic Club have been made and will be shown some time in the near future.

The first military review was held Monday, October 3d, by Captain Maurice Radcliffe. The cadets did very well for the first time on the new school grounds.

Frederick, Md.

The Maryland State School for the Deaf reopened on Monday, the 19th, with an enrollment of 137 pupils. This is the largest enrollment on the first day of school in the history of the institution. Indications are that the average enrollment for the year will be 175.

Forty of the pupils arrived in Frederick on Sunday. Opening of the school in former years was on a Wednesday and many parents of students living in outlying districts did not bring the children to the school until the Sunday following the opening. This plan was found to be most satisfactory.—*News-Post*, Sept. 20.

All of last year's teachers returned on time, except Miss Capps and Miss Noland. Taking their places are Miss Sarah Quinn and Mrs. Annette Remsburg. Mrs. Mabel Elliott, whose father is the well-known Rev. D. E. Moylan, was added to the faculty. She is making a survey of public schools to determine the degree of hearing of pupils.

Miss Doris Faupel, who won first prize in the Frederick County dental health poster contest in this city last Spring, was successful in the State contest held at Annapolis the other week. She won second prize in the High School group. It seems Frederick County pupils have no mean artistic ability, considering the fact that they took all the awards in the contest. The winning posters submitted in the State contest will be entered in the National contest in St. Louis next month.

Miss Elizabeth Moss called on friends in Frederick and Washington on Sunday, September 4th. A week later she left her Baltimore home in her new Plymouth couple for Indianapolis, where she resumed duties as teacher is the Indiana School for the Deaf.

Messrs. Marion Cramer and Lawrence Brode motored to Cumberland to spend September 4 and 5 there. On Sunday they were among the fifty or more deaf assembled at Idlewood Park for a picnic. It was the largest picnic ever held by the Cumberland deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quinn, Mrs. George Faupel, Doris and George, Jr., and the writer made up a motoring party on Saturday the 24th, bound for Baltimore, where they attended a seven-reel silent movie show sponsored by the Trice Movie Service at Italian Garden Hall. The Quinns spent the night as guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Price, while the Faupels stayed with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wiseman. Sunday Mrs. Faupel and

George accompanied the Wisemans on a motor trip to Beverly Beach, where the latter have a summer cottage, and later in the day went sightseeing in Annapolis. The writer attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Wriede. At the conclusion of the meeting a visit was paid the Overlea School for Colored Deaf.

Mrs. Mabel Gilmour took her grandchildren, Jimmie, Burton and Dorothy McVernon, to Miami, Florida, where they expect to make their home indefinitely with their great aunt. The trip was made on the S. S. Irwin, which they boarded at Baltimore. They were five days on the ship, arriving at Miami on the 21st of September. Their destination was reached on the day that the hurricane spent its destructive fury on New England. That hurricane was headed for Miami but veered on its course, so the parents were thankful for the safety of their dear ones. Mr. and Mrs. McVernon are living with Mr. and Mrs. Harmon in Washington at this writing. Mrs. McVernon will entrain for Florida next week.

Sunday, the 18th, Messrs. William Duvall, William Ramsey and Elmer Bernsdorff came to Frederick instead of going to Gettysburg as planned. Bad weather was the reason. They paid the school a visit to call on Supt. Bjorder and greet arriving pupils. In the evening they met their friends assembled at the writer's home. Mr. Bernsdorff regaled us with tales of his trip to the West Indies, Panama and Central America.

Mr. Murray Faupel is pursuing studies in his Junior Year at Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia, to which he transferred from Blue Ridge College.

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Merrill, enroute to Syracuse from Washington, paid the school a visit on the 17th. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Markel, and Mr. John Fowle on the 19th, Mrs. Gladys L. Leitch, the 22nd, and Miss Clara Keentz last Sunday.

The local papers complimented Mr. Leonard Downes on his splendid performance in the box when he pitched his seventh consecutive victory on Sunday, September 4th. The Seven Up Athletic Club team of Washington was defeated by the Hustlers by the score of 4 to 3. It was a pitchers' battle between L. D. and Paul Birch, witnessed by a capacity attendance.

Sept. 28th.

New York City

On September 24th, Mr. and Mrs. John Maxcy were completely taken by surprise at a belated tenth wedding anniversary party, the participants gathering outside and marching into their cozy apartment "chain gang step."

The affair was engineered by Mrs. J. Nesgood and Mrs. C. Olsen. Card games and bunco were played.

The table groaned under the load of eats, which included an immense decorated cake for the occasion.

A six-way floor lamp was presented the popular pair, also a sum of money.

Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams of Scarsdale, N. Y.; Mrs. Florence Ries of Yonkers, Miss Mary Reed of Elmhurst, L. I.; Miss Marie Olsen of Springfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fabacher of Jackson Heights, Mr. and Mrs. John Nesgood of Brooklyn, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anderson, Miss Jane Maxcy, Mr. Bill Williams and Miss Mae Austra, all of New York City. A telegram of congratulations was also received from Margaret Borgstrand.

NEW YORK CITY

ST. ANN'S NOTES

The end of September finds things picking up at St. Ann's Church for the Deaf. The Vicar returned to his office Saturday, September 17th, after traveling as far as Omaha, Neb., to pick up his wife and daughter. Enroute, he stopped over to hold services in St. Louis, Mo., and Akron, Ohio. The Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Ann's on Sunday, September 18th, instead of earlier in the month.

The Men's Club announced its regular meeting on Thursday, the 22d, but the equinoctial rains of that week kept many away, and a quorum was not present to transact business. The Woman's Parish Aid Society seems to have had better luck in its meeting on a prior date.

Church services will be held at 3 p.m. every Sunday during the fall and winter. The Assembly Room, in the church vestibule, has been painted over by Mr. William Chambers the sexton, and looks very attractive.

Friends of the late Edwin A. Hodgson will be interested in knowing that it is planned to install a brass lectern or book-stand in his memory, as an addition to the altar furnishings of St. Ann's. About \$20 has been collected already for this memorial, by a committee headed by Miss Anna M. Klaus.

Brooklyn Division, No. 23, had its regular monthly meeting on Saturday evening, October 1st, but it was something more than ordinary. After the business part was finished, State Senator Livingston gave a talk to the assemblage. Senator Livingston is a member of the N. Y. State Commission to study facilities for deaf children, which was enlarged also to include adult conditions. Mr. Livingston's appearance was secured through the efforts of Secretary Harry Goldberg in connection with the labor bureau work, and the speaker's talk defined the work he was engaged in. Senator Livingston is a candidate for City Judge and if elected will be off the Commission in January, but pledged with his influence to see that the labor bureau is accomplished. The talk was well received, and an enthusiastic vote of thanks was given at its conclusion, after which he left.

Then followed the ceremonies for some twenty novices who were initiated into the mysteries of the order and guided safely to full fledged membership, aided by the 200 or so present. The meeting concluded with a movie show. The next social affair of the Division is a card party on October 15th at Livingston Hall, the usual meeting place.

The New York Sun recently had a double column about football rules and the calling of signals, with Coach Harry Stuhldreher of Wisconsin, taking a leading part. Said the Sun:

Stuhldreher was expounding his theory of calling signals in the open at a coaching school in Texas this summer. He pointed out the danger of arguments in the huddle. A debate arose, with objections from the audience. Finally a note was passed up to Stuhldreher. It was from Rudolph Gamblin, a deaf-mute who coaches at the New York School for the Deaf. The note read:

"You're right. I tried a huddle with my team, and it wouldn't work. Too much talking."

Gamblin meant it.

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CHICAGOLAND

News items for this column, and subscription, should be sent to Peter J. Livshis, 3811 West Harrison St., Chicago, Ill.

This month of September showed all organizations well-gear for the fall swing.

The affair of cards and vaudeville, first time managed officially by Chicago Silent Dramatic under Louis Francini, shone out from among various parties of the month. The parish hall of the All Angels' Church was the inevitable scene on Saturday night, September 24th. The best part was the show itself. It was a study in an almost artless, unrehearsed and somewhat impromptu performance. It showed all over the lack of direction, which made it more interesting because one did not know what to expect next, and the cast of players was youthful, averaging early twenties. It was also a night of many debuts: Ralph Miller shows the makings of an announcer as well as a coming director. Solomon Deitch, more especially his bride, were naturally playful, also Albert L. Goldsand.

For the first time the writer failed to recognize the others. Masa Marie Takagi, an American-born Chinese girl, brought down the audience with laughter. It will be recalled that she took a lead in a dancing skit in the memorable Variety Show of Chicago NAD 1937 Convention, directed by Inez Livshis and Jack Kondell.

The Pas-a-Pas Club had a movie show that was a hit, on Saturday and Sunday nights, September 17 and 18. It included the reel of Chicago 1937 Convention taken by Kaufman of Baltimore, minus portions that were eliminated as unrelated. It lasted two hours. The writer liked it so well, he may rent it together with other reels taken of the national gathering by other deaf cameramen in order to raise additional funds to continue the NAD Travelling Exhibit of the American Deaf, at present under custody of Peter Livshis.

The Central Oral Club, the second oldest club in Chicago, reopened its monthly card party in the same locale, the Atlantic Hotel, the usual second Sunday, September 11. Ruth Filliger and Chas. Lindskog were hostess and host. As before there are always new faces to be seen there every month. At the regular quarterly meeting, presided by the columnist, they decided to have a straight semi-private dance as an antidote to the deadly round of cards, to be given this coming spring, and Ruth Filliger was appointed to manage it, some Saturday evening.

The Chicago League of the Hebrew Deaf, is indeed, a Wandering Jew: First it gathered at the Hotel Sherman last June, next the Atlantic Hotel, and in October at one of member's home, located in Evanston, Illinois. Financially, it is amazingly sound, most of its mortgage bonds surviving the depression. It is giving its annual this coming November on the 12th, directed by Joseph Herzberg. For several years past it staged a double feature for the annual—a combination cards and dance. This time it will try out the straight annual cards alone as a very few dance. It is living up to its tradition of giving away unfailingly excellent prizes.

Our Savior Lutheran Church is not far behind its pep-up, having given its card party in its basement hall on Saturday, September 10th.

The All Angels' Church did same on September 17th. As ever, it holds on to its program of Wednesday socials, whether movies, current topics, cards, or what have you? It priest in charge, Rev. Geo. Frederick Flick, was ill recently and unable to fill his round of appointments at Peoria, Jacksonville and Springfield. He reports the Wisconsin School for the Deaf in Delavan, Wis., as enrolling a larger number of students this year, attributed to improved accommodations.

Mrs. Fannie Joseph, in spite of herself, is exhibiting two plastered bumps on the head. She had four tumors on

the scalp removed in Davenport, Ia., where she was confined for nine weeks. Her daughter came after her. Recently she was given a birthday party.

Miss Mary Kennedy, of Danville, Kentucky, spent her two weeks' vacation with Mrs. Meehan in July. She is on the teaching staff of the Kentucky School for the Deaf.

Miss Unabelle Hogan, ex-Gallaudean of the year 1936-37, from Granite, City, Illinois, stopped in Elmsford for a while and then moved north to Chicago to be guest of Miss Majorie Law for two weeks.

Irvin Friedman is in Rochester, Minn., seeking a treatment for his illness of the last few months.

Attendance Records Fall at St. Augustine (Fla.) Reunion

By Frank E. Philpott

(The following report was received last June, and is printed now as a matter of record).

Notwithstanding industrial recession, unemployment, arrears jinx, and whatnot, attendance at the state school for the deaf in the oldest city in the United States skyrocketed from 60 on the opening on June 9th, of the Florida Association of the Deaf to more than 150 on Saturday night. Registration showed that some of the visitors traveled from Arkansas, Minnesota, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and Georgia. The convention proved to be one of the most profitable, enjoyable and successful ever held since the organization was effected in 1917.

On Friday, June 10th, formalities being concluded, Dr. C. J. Settles outlined a history of the school, dating as far back as 1885. From a modest beginning, he emphasized, the school has made steady progress until today it becomes a most outstanding plant in the Union, the construction of which has cost the state to the amount of nearly one million dollars.

Dan Long, a promising chemist of Tallahassee, responded to the several addresses of welcome in a most befitting manner. He is employed by the State Department of Agriculture. He attended the St. Augustine school and later matriculated from the Gallaude College.

R. H. Rou, president of the association, spoke at length of the great need of the school—that of vocational training. Following this was a presentation of reports by the president, secretary and treasurer. During the business session an amendment to the constitution and by-laws was passed to the effect that in the future only graduates and former students of the Florida school hold offices in the association.

In the afternoon the entire body of conventionites journeyed to Surfside, where they enjoyed a picnic and a varied assortment of sports. Swimming was also indulged in.

Movies featuring extension service activities were shown at the chapel in the evening by O. W. Underhill, who, besides connected with the Morganton (N. C.) school, is a director of the Extension Service for the Deaf in his home state. As a climax to the educational film, the annual gymnastic exhibition held on the school campus at St. Augustine was reflected on the screen.

On Saturday, June 11th, three great addresses occupied a part of the morning session. Dr. Settles dwelt on his subject "Educational Preparation for a Changing World;" Claude M. Andrews spoke on "Vocational Training" and O. W. Underhill discussed "The Purpose of the F. A. D." Dr. Settles stressed on employment, pointing out that "placement is the supreme test of any program working for the social and economic adjustment of any group of people. This is best done through a field worker for the school in which the student is trained. This same field worker should also serve as a follow-up officer until the student becomes adjusted to his employer and his work. Several states have been able to provide such an officer, and Florida should look

forward to the time when it, too, has a field worker. The fact that in every section of the country in almost every line of human endeavor we find the deaf making a success and leading happy lives is the best evidence that the specially provided schools have fulfilled the purpose for which they were founded."

Mr. Andrews, in speaking of vocational training, pledged his efforts to place the deaf along vocational rehabilitation lines wherever possible.

The last speaker, Mr. Underhill, who was one of the founders of the association, stated that the purpose of the organization is "for the advancement of their own lot and making better the chance of deaf children to adjust themselves for citizenship."

The next meeting in 1940 of the convention was brought up, and there being no opposition, Miami won the plum.

The following newly-elected officers by acclamation are: President, Carl J. Holland of Daytona Beach and St. Augustine; first vice-president, Miss Lalla Wilson of Blountstown and St. Augustine; second vice-president, Edward W. Clemons of Orlando; secretary (re-elected), Julius L. Myers of Tarpon Springs and St. Augustine; and treasurer, Charles McNeilly of Miami.

In place of the customary supper, delegates and their honored guests were feted at a banquet and dance in the dining hall. Speeches were in order, and those singled out for special honor were happy recipients of handsome gifts. They were Miss Willie McLane, housemother of deaf girls for 38 years; A. W. Pope, the oldest graduate; O. W. Underhill, a former teacher and one of the founders of the association. There were several others who also received tokens of remembrance.

On Saturday afternoon a sight-seeing tour of the historical city was provided for as many of the delegates as available. Others visited the school farm at Casa Cola and the Dixie Home for Aged Deaf at Moultrie.

A greater number of delegates and visitors returned home Saturday night and Sunday morning. Others tarrying until Sunday noon attended religious services in the school opticerium.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The program committee outdid themselves by furnishing a heavy-weight quality and quantity of entertainment—business and social—at a lightweight price, the latter being within reach of everybody present.

O. W. Underhill was the happiest of the crowd. Upon learning that he and his good and beloved wife were coming to the reunion, the former's students swarmed in large numbers to greet him. Mr. Underhill spoke feelingly of his relations with them in the classroom and on the campus; how he beheld the girls blossoming forth year after year into maidenhood, wifehood and motherhood. The same might be said of the boys. He expressed pardonable pride in that insofar as he knew, no one of either sex has wandered from the narrow path of life. At school he tried to instill moral principles into their minds, and lost no opportunity of bringing before them ideas of right and wrong and of admonishing them to choose the right kind of companionship. The results of their adherence to Mr. Underhill's good advice are more than gratifying to him.

Dr. Settles is doing a great work these troublous days for the unemployed deaf. Until state legislation of employing a field worker or a labor director is enacted, Dr. Settles and the vocational rehabilitation board are the proper intermediary with whom a contact may be made relative to opportunities of improving the unemployment condition.

Although entitled to retirement, Miss Willie McLean is by no means incapacitated, and as Cowper says,

a mind quite vacant is a mind distressed," she will be found again at her post of responsibility on the re-opening in the fall of school. Her ambition is, if health permits, to attain two score of years in her service and will appreciate what La Fontaine has to say of this: "Friendship is the shadow of the evening, which strengthens with the setting sun of life." She was showered with congratulations on her long and useful service and assurances of their love and esteem.

New officers of the association are young hustlers and strong boosters. In this changing world it appears imperative that youth must be served and age be shelved.

Dr. Settles as toastmaster surprised the banqueters by his proficiency in the sign-language.

Some twenty cars of all makes occupied parking space on the campus, the fact of which attests the ability of deaf drivers to follow traffic rules with safety to themselves as well as to their hearing fellow-drivers.

Out of state visitors were interviewed for their opinions of the reunion. Without a dissenting voice, they expressed themselves as immensely pleased with everything in particular from a business, social and educational view of point.

All Angels' Church for the Deaf (Episcopal)

1151 Leland Ave. Chicago, Illinois
(One block north of Wilson Ave. "L" station, and one-half block west).

Rev. GEORGE F. FLICK, Priest-in-charge.
MR. FREDERICK W. HINRICH, Lay-Reader
Church services, every Sunday at 11 A.M., Holy Communion, first and third Sundays of each month.

Social Supper, second Wednesday of each month, 6:30 P.M., with entertainment following at 8 P.M.

Get-together socials at 8 P.M., all other Wednesdays. (Use Racine Ave. entrance)
Minister's address, 6336 Kenwood Avenue
Afternoon, 2 to 5 Evening, 7 to 9. Daily except Sunday.

Central Oral Club, Chicago

Organized 1908—Incorporated 1925
The Oldest Club for the Oral Deaf in Chicago. Socials and Cards Second Sunday of each month from September to and including June. Entree: 7:30 P.M. Atlantic Hotel, 316 South Clark Street, Hall K, Mezzanine Floor. Convenient location and transportation.
Send all communication to Mrs. Sadie McElroy, 227 Englewood Ave. (Apt. 210), Chicago, Ill.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

The Rev. Ernest Scheibert, Pastor
1400 N. Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Services—10:00 A.M., May to September; 2:30 P.M., October to April.

Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. Preaching in speech and the sign-language. Hearing friends invited to special services. We preach salvation through faith in Jesus Christ—"Come and we will do thee good."

SOCIETIES

The Silent Lutheran Club
Lutheran Deaf-Mute Ladies' Aid Society

Brooklyn Hebrew Society of the Deaf, Inc.

Meets second Sunday of each month except July and August, at the Hebrew Educational Society Building, Hopkinson and Sutter Avenues, Brooklyn.

Services and interesting speakers every Friday evening at 8:30 P.M., at the I. E. S.

English Class, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 o'clock sharp, from September to May, at P. S. 154, Sackman and Sutter Avenues, Brooklyn.

Louis Baker, President; Louis Cohen, Secretary; 421 Logan Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hebrew Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.

Temple Beth-El, 76th St., Cor. 5th Ave.
Meets Third Sunday at 8 P.M. of the month. Information can be had from Mrs. Tanya Nash, Executive Director, 4 East 76th Street, New York City; or Mrs. Joseph C. Sturtz, Secretary, 1974 Grand Ave., New York City.

Religious Services held every Friday evening at 8:30. Athletic and other activities every Wednesday evening. Socials First and Third Sunday evenings. Movies Third Wednesday of the month.

BOSTON

News items for this column, and subscription, should be sent to Miss E. Wilson, 33 Wolcott St., Dorchester, Mass.

On Sunday afternoon, September 18th, the Catholic and non-Catholic deaf in the vicinity of Boston and beyond gathered, numbering 125 or more, at the Mission Church, Roxbury, where, by special arrangements, they enjoyed an uplifting service. There was a very large congregation for the ensuing week, for Father Landherr of New York conducted a mission for the members of the Perpetual Help Deaf Center (under the guidance of Father Mark De Coste). It was reported that Father Landherr made a deep impression of the silent listeners present. Father Landherr left Boston on the 25th, for Newark, N. J., where he attended the Catholic Convention. The monthly meetings of the Perpetual Help Deaf Center, are now being held on the third Sunday of each month, at the Mission Church, 1545 Tremont Street, Roxbury.

Sunday, September 4th, the outing of Boston Division, N. F. S. D., No. 35, at Salisbury Beach, Mass., made a hit. Around 100 deaf showed up, the day beginning cold and gloomy with a little rain. We are told that visitors came from New Hampshire, Maine, Connecticut, New York and from several districts. They played, ate, drank and talked, and had a fine time. The affair was not over until well into the evening, as many as could not tear themselves away from the congenial crowd. Chairman Peter F. Amico received plenty of praise for his fine program. The Boston Fraters are having their annual Hallowe'en party at 30 Huntington Avenue, Boston, on October 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosenstein of Roxbury, are rejoicing on the third successful flight of the stork to their home on September 1st. This time, he brought a daughter. The young lady's name is Judith N.

A baby girl came to gladden the Joe Callahan household in Jamaica Plain, on September 1st, too. It is their first child.

Mr. Sam Rosenfeld was in a hospital recently, to be operated on for adenoids and sinus trouble. He is recovering at the present time.

Mrs. George Hull of Arlington, entrained from Boston on August 30th, accompanied by her father, General Lombard, and Mrs. S. Chapin of Cambridge, with the Spanish War veterans, to Portland, Oregon, where their convention was being held—for three weeks. We hope they enjoyed their visit immensely.

Ella Lenfest of Framingham, accompanied by her aged mother, has completed her fourth cross country automobile trip, having returned from California, last May. They spent the summer at West Yarmouth (Cape Cod).

Mrs. Minna Flynn of New Hampshire, (known to many Bostonians) sailed for France, with her daughter on June 22d. They joined the other daughter, at Paris, and motored through Europe, having taken their car with them.

Arthur Meacham, formerly of Cambridge, has secured a position on the teaching staff at the Mt. Airy School. Our best wishes are with Arthur in his new work, and in his new home in Philadelphia with his wife, nee Frances Gibbons, and their baby.

On their tenth "Tin" wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bachner arrived at the Bachner residence (parents of Mr. Bachner). They were called there on some pretext, on Sunday, September 11th, and were taken by surprise on finding 45 friends there to congratulate them. When congratulations were over, the honored guests were presented a Tom Thumb radio, with a lovely anniversary card, which contained the names

of those present. After some appreciative remarks from the Bachners, amusing games were played, invoking much laughter from the guests.

Before the presentation of the gift, a Dutch supper with all its fixings, was served. Mrs. Morris Miller and ye scribe were members of the committee, which arranged the surprise party, with the generous assistance from those who donated chocolates and the purse. The party was a complete success. The Bachners have two lovely children.

Mrs. Lena Kreiger, Mrs. Bertha Schultz, and Mrs. Reba Rosenberg, all of New York, spent the week-end of September 17th, in Dorchester, being the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Miller. On the 16th, they were taken sightseeing by Mrs. Jack M. Ebin, also of New York, in and around Boston, finally winding up at the Horace Mann School in Roxbury. A "bred in Boston product," Mrs. Ebin, nee Kitty Doren, was welcomed by Miss Jennie Henderson, now principal of the school, and formerly her teacher.

On the 17th, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weinberg drove them along the North Shore, not forgetting the "Bunker Hill Monument" at Charlestown. They also visited the New England Home for the Aged and Infirm at Danvers, and the following day, the 18th, in spite of the inclement weather, they were taken to historic Lexington and Concord. Socials and card parties were given in their honor. They then went to Boston, and home to New York, accompanied by Mrs. Ebin and daughter, with a very pleasant vacation to remember.

Mrs. Kitty Ebin spent a few days with her little daughter, Betsy Joan, as the houseguests of the Morris Millers, having come here and attended the party of the Bachners on the 11th. Kitty was royally entertained by her old friends, with socials given in honor of her.

In Newark, New Jersey, a new daughter arrived at the home of the Max Garfinkles on September 13th. It is their first child. Mrs. Garfinkle will be remembered as the former Nemo Weiss.

Boston is reopening its social season with a ball, sponsored by the Boston Silent Club, at Ritz Plaza, 218 Huntington Avenue, Boston. A beauty contest, a waltz contest and cash prizes are the main attractions, all for only 55 cents.

E. WILSON.

Brooklyn Guild of Deaf-Mutes

Meets first Thursday evening each month except July, August and September, at St. Mark's Parish House, 230 Adelphi Street near DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Charles W. Olsen, Secretary, 371 East 159th Street, Bronx, N. Y. C.

From the Nevins Street station (I. R. T. subway) or the DeKalb Avenue station (B. M. T.), take the DeKalb trolley car and stop at Adelphi Street.

LECTURE

by

Chief White Feathers

(Grandson of Sitting Bull)

under the auspices of

Brooklyn Guild of the Deaf and St. Mark's Church

at

CENTRAL Y. M. C. A.

Corner Hanson Place and Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Saturday, October 15th

at 8 P.M.

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B. M. T. Subway to Pacific St. station. Cross Flatbush Ave. to Hanson Pl. 8th Ave. Subway to Lafayette Ave. station. Walk one block on Ft. Greene Pl. to Hanson Pl.

Elevated R. R., Culver Line to Atlantic Ave. station or Fulton Line to Lafayette Ave. station.

Silver Anniversary Reception

MR. AND MRS. SIMON ALLEY HONORED LAST JUNE

By Pop Nelson

(This article was received while Journal office was being dismantled and got lost in the packing, not being found till last week).

The memorable date of bright and clear Sunday, June 19, 1938 A.D. became history in vivid scarlet indelible ink in the social annals of Washington deaf citizenry. It will always remain graphic uppermost in the minds of those in attendance at the royal silver anniversary wedding reception tendered in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Alley on the expertly trimmed lawn, gowned beautifully rich in emerald, back of the Albert Rose home. The guests of honor are reported now still collecting their wits together from the potent timely "shock" of surprise.

Twenty-five years ago last Saturday of June 18th they, a perspiring groom and a blushing bride, stood awkwardly before the officiating deacon, the same one, Rev. Arthur D. Bryant, and each stuttered "I do" on their violently quivering fingers. Now they are the striking living picture of everlasting ecstatic happiness and contentment in old age as they are ascending the twenty-fifth milestone, briskly, mind you, not limpidly, linked hand in hand. It seems certain, also, that the popular elderly couple, still robust of constitution and visibly pink of cheek, will continue to tread the earth for the additional span of twenty-five years.

At precisely three-thirty o'clock a sleek eight-cylinder Hudson limousine hove into view on the horizon at long last and rolled down to a gradual stop at the Rose home. Out of the car emerged the driver Mr. Simon Alley and wife, then Mr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Moore of Staunton, Virginia. They were ushered into the living room, where congratulations and introductions were in order. Also present were Mrs. Tracy, wife of the late Rev. Tracy of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Olson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Neson.

The suspense grew more and more unbearable with each ticking minute. Now the trap was ready to spring open just as the unsuspecting Mr. and Mrs. Alley were being led down the rear stairs. The exciting moment they were descending on the threshold of the opening door, the lawn turned suddenly into a bedlam. The Rev. Arthur D. Bryant, an octogenarian, it was who received a hurried voice vote for the lustiest pandemonium perpetrator.

Caught off guard, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Alley blinked in amazement into a swirling sea of gleaming one hundred-eighty eyes. They just stood transfixed in a trance, unable to budge a fractional inch. To them was presented a mammoth box. In fumbling to open the lid, Mrs. Alley's trembling hands became entangled and unshackled grotesquely for a long moment before an ultra-beautiful garland of yellow rose buds—a gift from her two rib-tickling roomers, Messrs. Heimo Antila and Louis Pucci—finally loomed into view in the box.

A breathing spell was allowed Mr. and Mrs. Alley, dripping wet with perspiration from extreme nervousness, not intense heat, to adapt themselves to still worse nerve-wracking anticipation in the event of another super-charge of surprise. Meanwhile the spotlight was focused on the familiar stooping figure in the person of the Rev. Arthur Bryant showering upon the graying heads of Mr. and Mrs. Alley one flattering praise after another for their outstanding example of marital ties.

Now a big moment! The scene swung to a formal ceremony of presentation of the silver anniversary gift from the popular couple's friends in three figures, to be exact, one hundred-two. The excitement fever reached a new high as the unfolding process was tortuously slow. Once more Simon swooned helplessly in a dazed state of mind, at the same time apparently in a futile effort to

check the trickle of tears in his eyes. The jittery missus underwent the ordeal of freeing her hands of the fine-cut crepe tissues in the package. In the act the so-called confetti fluttered in her large bewildered eyes and somewhat hindered her quest for the hidden treasure. Oop! she finally unearthed a crisp, hard substance encased securely in crepe, another, still another, till the last of twenty-five silver dollar pieces.

And, lo! the sight of a delectable-looking Gargantuan wedding cake drew forth mighty ah's and oh's as it was set down on the table on the lawn. All of a sudden the air was pierced by a queer sickening moan. What was that noise? After a thorough investigation, the tottering table was found squeaking a throaty complaint of the excess weight of the cake. And so Mrs. Alley eased the burden by slicing each piece for ninety-one guests, hosts and hostesses. Raspberry and vanilla ice cream, salted peanuts and mint candy were also served.

Everybody reluctantly scattered home, a-humming merrily. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Alley who were sagging in the knees were helped to the car. And there passed the day into oblivion. But those pleasant memories will be lasting forever. The six hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Olson and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nelson. Attending the reception were namely: Pearl Coltrane, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Smoak, Mr. W. W. Hauser, Mr. E. J. Isaacson, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander H. Ewan, Miss Dorothy Havens, Mr. William Clark, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Nicol, Mr. and Mrs. Roger O. Scott and family, Rev. Arthur D. Bryant, Mr. Harry Carroll, Mrs. Thomas Wood and family, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Cooper and Betty Jean, Mrs. Andrew J. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Smoak, Mr. and Mrs. A. Neale, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Boswell, Mr. G. J. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Souder, Mrs. A. J. Council, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Henriksen, Mrs. Alva L. Cuppy, Mr. and Mrs. William Lowell, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allen, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Yeager, Mr. Jack T. Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rosenblom, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore E. Dick, Mrs. Harry Carroll, Lillian E. Anderson, Esther Culverwell, Mr. Heimo I. Antila, Mrs. Mary L. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Rath, Jr., Mr. Thomas J. Looney, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Edington, Mrs. Maurice Kleindiest, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson H. Grabill, Mr. Louis Pucci, Miss Helen Falck, Eldores Daly, Viola Tune Servold, Mrs. Catherine Davis, Margaret McKellar, Marie Coretti, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Moore. Unable to be present for the reception for obvious reasons were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Duvall, Elmore E. Bernsdorff, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Isaacson, Mrs. G. Ferguson, Mr. Thomas Wood, Phillip Hanover, Mr. A. J. Parker, Mr. Cuppy, Philip Slaughter, Jr., and Evelyn Sharp.

Reception Adds a la Nelson—A brand new basement bargain straw lid several sizes too large resting comfortably on his protruding ears. Rev. Arthur Bryant sidestepping a stampede of inquisitive noses. Gallaudet College alumni propaganda purveyor Roy Stewart with his Friday, a nickel stogie. Asked if he could do the disappearing act with his inseparable cigar. Winsome Kitty Davis doubled up with hysterics of rollicking laughter. Why? Huh, see Lou Pucci. Hostess Bess Olson in raptures of joy over the 4-lb loss of excess baggage. Pearl Coltrane displaying strenuous calisthenics with her trusty "candid" camera. Sans his teeth, Emil Henriksen bewailing between painful ouchs that the cold-blooded dentist should be straight-laced in a padded cell. Dashing swains Tom Looney and Bill Clark hurrying off to keep an important appointment in nearby Maryland.

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In AN effort towards public health service to determine the effects of diseases, the preliminary findings of a study of hearing, made by the National Health Survey, gives serious hints for reflection.

Tests were conducted in cooperation with a group of prominent otologists, which with the Bell Telephone Laboratories, will form the basis for determination of a standard for recording normal hearing. The responses of a person in a sound insulated booth to different tones measured the intensity value of his hearing. The main objectives of the study are to obtain data on the trends of loss of hearing among people generally. Also to note the prevalence of hearing defects of whatever degree, of all ages and for both sexes. Through such tests it may be possible to establish norms for normal hearing.

Eighty-four cities were included in the survey, and tests were made in twelve. Nearly 9,000 persons, evenly divided as to sex, were examined, their ages ranging from eight to ninety years. The graph-pictures of hearing obtained with the audiometer shows the extent of the loss of hearing. The loss is measured by terms of decibels, which is the usual method of measuring the loudness of sound.

People who have difficulty in comprehending speech coming from a platform of an auditorium, from a theatre stage, or in conversation between five or six persons, show a loss of between 20 and 25 units of sound. People who cannot use the telephone because the speech is not clear to them lose from 60 to 65 units, while with the totally deaf the range of loss is from 85 to 90 units.

It is considered that many important findings will follow from the study as to the relationship of the degree of the loss of hearing and the

existence of diseased aural conditions. Thus far analysis would indicate that only one case in two ears with aural disease has normal hearing, while four in every five ears which are physically normal have normal hearing.

In OUR country the season of Autumn, or Fall as some folks prefer to designate it, is usually distinguished for its mellow loveliness. Chronologically it begins on September 23d, when the sun crosses the line. But this year the passing of the equinotial, or "storm line," was followed by such furious gales as to cause distressing havoc in many sections of our country, which certainly marked a definite change of seasons.

Autumn weather makes visible changes in the land: In the garden, the orchard and woods, flowers, fruits and nuts fall, as does the temperature, as shown by the thermometer and felt in the chilly air. But we do not usually recognize the genuine Autumn until well forward in October. Then we are likely to view clear skies, bright sunshine and the crispness of the air, which inspires lovers of outdoor life to revel in the full enjoyment of a mellow season.

THE football season is under way; most colleges and schools have teams with talented players, trained under the guidance of academic regulations. For the past month such teams may have been seen drilling both in fair and stormy weather for the strenuous trials they are anticipating. In their vision are running and passing plays, interlarded with clever laterals for increased yardage and the anticipation of added touchdowns with the coveted goals.

The rules committee regulating play, have made two changes. One requires that an uncompleted pass over the goal line, except on 4th down, will be considered as though the pass became incomplete on the regular field of play. Another amendment is to the effect that if the ball becomes dead within 15 yards of the side line it is to be moved to a point 15 yards within. Football is a splendid game, affording thrills to the spectators, played by virile young men under a careful system of training, and following careful systems of play under strict rules.

N. J. Mutes to Confess in the Sign Language

NEWARK, N. J., September 25.—Confessions will be received in the sign language every Thursday evening in the future at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Washington Street and Central Ave., Newark, the Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, Archbishop of Newark and Metropolitan of the Roman Catholic Province of New Jersey, announced yesterday at the 2nd annual convention of the Catholic deaf of the state at the Cathedral. Every priest in training at the archdiocese's Immaculate Conception Theological Seminary, Darlington, N. J., will be taught the sign language Archbishop Walsh added. Seven hundred of the state's 1,200 deaf attended.—Herald-Tribune.

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Los Angeles, Cal.

The colorful National Convention of the American Legion has been held here, September 19th to 23d. Then just before that we had "Wrong Way" Corrigan, and a primary election. In all this turmoil, we could not write our little batch of local news.

This primary campaign was marked by an unusual effort to capture the deaf vote. The Pro-America Club invited the Los Angeles deaf to a meeting at the great Long Beach Municipal Auditorium on Saturday night, August 27th. They were told to gather at the Pacific Electric Station on Main Street at 5:30 P.M., and free transportation would be provided. A big crowd gathered there, and were told the Pacific Electric refused to furnish the free cars, but the transportation would be by buses. So some of them went in their own cars, perhaps three hundred in all were present in front seats reserved for them. There were musical features between the speeches, entertaining the hearing audience of 10,000. The leading Republican candidates made speeches, also a few Democratic and Progressives. Miss Edwards flew here from San Francisco to interpret for the deaf, sent by the Pro-America Club of that city. She is a daughter of deaf parents and an official interpreter. It is said the promoters of the rally had hoped for 1,000 deaf attendance, but Long Beach is too far to go, and on a Saturday night there are always other affairs and attractions.

The two Frat Divisions, Los Angeles, No. 27 and Hollywood No. 119, combined forces and had a dance at the Cosmopolitan Club on September 3d, the club co-operating by donating the use of their hall. A good crowd was present, and \$20 in prizes was given, besides \$10 in door prizes of \$1 each, and the rest to dancers and winners at Dutch Whist. The combined Frats also held a big picnic in Griffith Park in Labor Day. Free coffee and ice-cream were distributed at the picnic lunch at noon. There was a baseball game and many other games in the afternoon, at which cash prizes were given the winners. A crowd of about 500 was present.

The Baptist Mission for the Deaf also had a picnic the same day at Verdugo Playgrounds. Pastor "Abe" Sherman of Fresno, spent the day with them. They had all kinds of games for young and elderly. In the evening they adjourned to the comfortable pavilion for a social time, for which they had a special permit. Verdugo is one of the few places that allows the evening use of such a pavilion.

A well-known deaf woman Mrs. Mary Sheffler, 55, was killed by a hit-run driver, Saturday evening, September 17th. She had gone to a grocery near her home in the suburb of Montebello, and was going back when hit, while crossing a street. The driver has not been found. Mrs. Sheffler was a native of Kansas, educated at the Olathe school. She is survived by her husband, Bert, and a grown son and daughter. She was a valued member of the two charitable societies, the Sunshine Circle and the Willing Workers for Christ. Catholic funeral services were conducted for her in Montebello on September 22d, in charge of Father Pausch.

Mrs. Olof Hanson of Oakland, was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nolen early in September. Mrs. Nolen gave a lovely luncheon in her honor on September 8th, inviting ten ladies, most of them had known Mrs. Hanson before. She was also entertained by a collegemate, Mrs. Barrett, and spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Terry. She had only a week to spend here. It was her first visit to Los Angeles and she was surprised at finding so many people she knew, and she has promised to come again and stay longer.

We have some expert lady auto

drivers here. Mesdames May Cool, Ethel Himmelschein, Misses Lenore Bible and Mae Strandberg drove to Tucson, Arizona, and were present at the first convention of the Arizona deaf on September 3, 4, and 5. Then they visited the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Zion National Park. They returned by way of Las Vegas and visited Boulder Dam. Miss Bible was the driver. At this writing four other ladies have just returned from a trip in the Pacific Northwest. They were Mesdames Cordero, Whitaker, Walgren and V. Burson, Mrs. Cordero driving. They went as far as Vancouver, Canada, and report an enjoyable trip and are enthusiastic over the scenic wonders of Oregon and Washington.

About thirty friends had a housewarming party on July 16th, at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. George Brookins. This party was arranged by a committee: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, Mr. and Mrs. B. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thomas, Lela Williams and Mr. and Mrs. H. Schlanser. Mr. and Mrs. Brookins received many nice gifts. Prizes were given for games and nice refreshments were served. The Brookins' house was built under the F H A. Mr. and Mrs. Foster Gilbert are now having a house built at Culver City, also by the help of the F H A.

Some recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Freeman of Dallas, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Hansen of Wisconsin, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gunner of Chicago, who are visiting relatives at Corina. Miss Ruth McKinnon of the Iowa School for the Deaf, was a guest of Mrs. Paul Smith for a week, and of relatives.

Miss Lela Williams gave a shower, honoring Mrs. Bert Bures, a recent bride, at the home of Mrs. H. Schlanser. The affair was held on July 23d. Mrs. Bures received many nice gifts. Nice refreshments were served after games and a social afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. McMann have been spending several weeks with their son, Joe, and wife at Seattle, Wash. A card received from Mr. McMann tells of a hold-up of the employees and Joe at the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., of which Joe is office manager. The sum of \$300 was taken by two men, one of whom was very nervous and shaky, thought to be an dope addict. An exciting thing to happen during their visit. On the return trip the McManns are spending some time at Oakland, probably reaching home late this month.

Lew Goldwasser is back after a visit to New York City. He announces that he will be married to Miss Hannah Levine of New Jersey, as soon as she arrives here in October. Congratulations!

AUGUSTA K. BARRETT.

Special Employment Service for the Deaf

In New York City three schools for the deaf, Lexington School, New York School, and St. Joseph's School, maintain a special employment service for the deaf. This service is in cooperation with the New York State Employment Service at 79 Madison Avenue, New York City. Margarette B. Helmle, the Special Representative, is in charge. Her office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. without appointment. Appointments may be made for other days by letter or telephone.

Miss Helmle will be glad to see any deaf person wishing to consult her about work, vocational training or any other problem on which she may be of assistance. Special appointment can be made for those working or who cannot come on regular interviewing days. The telephone number is LEXington 2-8910.

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MILWAUKEE

Ray Babcock, who was graduated with the class of 1936 from the Oregon State School for the Deaf at Salem, dropped into Milwaukee and visited one of his relatives recently. He is a printer and expects to land a good job here. He is beginning to get well acquainted with friends at the Silent Club. He gave us a talk about lots of interesting things from the West.

A small crowd of deaf folks attended the Frat picnic at Delavan on Sunday, September 4th. A kitten-ball game between the Chicago and Delavan deaf teams was played at the athletic field, the score was 14 to 11, in favor of the Delavan team. A cash prize went to one of the lucky ticket holders. All reported having a good time there that day.

Hertha Zola was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Maertz at their home in Port Washington, Wis., for a week recently. She will attend her Junior year at Gallaudet College in Washington, D. C., this coming Fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Delano of Aurora, Ill., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rosenfield at their home for a few days before Labor Day. Mr. Delano is the fifth cousin of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Mr. Delano has been employed with one of the milling factories in Aurora, Ill., for thirty-eight years.

Mrs. Emil Rosenfield left Milwaukee by boat to Muskegon, Mich., Tuesday night, September 6th. Then she went to Minnetonka, Mich., where she visited one of her relatives for two weeks.

Mrs. L. B. Hagerty will visit relatives somewhere in Rhode Island on September 24th. She will remain there all winter.

A Bag Party, sponsored by the Auxiliaries, took place at the Silent Club on Thursday night, September 15th. Outsiders at the club were Mr. and Mrs. August Spender of Hartford, Wis.

A big card party took place in the basement of the Deaf Lutheran Church here on Saturday night, September 10th. About one hundred and fifty deaf folks were present. Prizes went to winners of the card party. Refreshments and drinks were on sale that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leisman and son visited their relatives in Muskegon Heights, Mich., for a few days during Labor Day. On their way home to Milwaukee, they reported having a nice time there.

The Wisconsin School for the Deaf opened its football season at Delavan on Friday afternoon, September 16th, with a 7 to 9 victory over Jefferson High School. Ray Boettcher of Bonduel, deaf halfback, scored in the first quarter.

Ye reporter was informed by one of his friends at the Silent Club that Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hagerty and their friends of Minneapolis, Minn., were at the club here on Labor Day. They were on their way to their hometown, Minneapolis.

Mr. F. J. Neesam of Delavan, will deliver an address at the Silent Club here after the Frat meeting on Friday evening, October 7th.

Tony Panella, once a football star for the Delavan Deaf School and also for the Lincoln High School here, is still employed with one of the Greenbaum tanners here. He visited his old school pal, Sam Lewis, at the latter's home on Sunday afternoon, September 18th. Some friends of Sam were present that afternoon to get good reports of the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers' game at Green Bay by radio. Sam can hear every description of the game played through radio and gave us a good thrilling account about the Bears and Packers' game.

A few deaf students are specializing in one of the courses at

the Milwaukee Vocational School, which is considered as one of the best and largest trade schools in this country. About eighteen thousand students attend that trade school daily.

Marvin Rood, John Biederman, Walter Kienast and John Kuglitsch of Delavan, and the Milwaukee deaf folks enjoyed watching the silent movies at the Silent Club on Sunday night, September 18th.

Joe Letiza went under knife in one of the hospitals here lately. At present he is still in good condition.

John Braclaus, a deaf man who owns his business of printing in Darian near Delavan, dropped into Milwaukee, with his car and visited his relatives and friends here for a few days lately. He reports that business in Darian is good.

The reporter met his former La Crosse pal, Milt Gantenbein, one of the Green Bay Packers' Professional players, who played football at the Wisconsin State Fair Gridiron on Saturday morning, September 24th. They had a nice time chatting with each other.

MAX H. LEWIS.

Sept. 23d.

Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. Ota C. Blankenship returned the first week in September, from a pleasant summer with her sister in Waco, Texas. She says it was unusually hot down there this year.

Mrs. George L. Revers spent a month with her brother and sisters in Oklahoma. Mr. Revers drove south, September 2d, to bring her back. They attended the Oklahoma state convention of the deaf and met many old friends. Over 300 attended and at the picnic George won the prize for coming the longest distance. He also won first prize in a balloon contest.

Mrs. Eva Comp is visiting her daughter, Evelyn, in Hutchinson, Kan. She expects to be back in Omaha in a month or so.

The Owls met with Miss Mary Dobson at her home in Council Bluffs, Saturday, September 17th. Miss Marie Goetter, formerly of St. Louis and a graduate of Gallaudet College, is a new teacher at the Nebraska school. Miss Koob of Rochester, N. Y., and Gallaudet College, is librarian at the Iowa school. Both were admitted to the Owls. Miss Goetter takes Mr. Butter's place and a Mrs. Bennett takes Mrs. Butter's place. Miss Esther Myklebust, who assisted Principle Welty in the Academic Department, has gone to the Minnesota school at an increased salary. Two tables at bridge were played. Prize for largest score went to Mrs. Ota C. Blankenship.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Butters, teachers at the N. S. D. the past six years, resigned to enter business in Los Angeles, Cal. Both are graduates of the University of Southern California.

The Rainbow Pinochle Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Petersen, Thursday evening, September 22d. Since Mr. and Mrs. Millard Bilger have resigned, Misses Nadene Dey and Della Page were admitted to take their places. The first meeting will be held at the N. S. D. with Floyd Zazel as host. Mrs. Petersen was elected president, and Miss Katherine Kelly, secretary-treasurer.

The Jolly Twelve Pinochle Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Revers, on Friday night, September 23d. They decided to meet every three weeks, instead of bi-weekly. New officers of the club will be announced in our next letter.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Rosenblatt and little son arrived in Omaha from Kansas City, Mo., Friday, September 23d, for a visit with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. George L. Revers entertained over a dozen friends at a jolly little party at their home, Tuesday evening, September 27th, for the Rosenblatts. Several old-fashioned games proved a popular diversion. Ice-cream, cookies and

grape juice wound up a very pleasant evening.

HAL AND MEL.

Anent Deafness

By Thomas Francis Fox

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The latest electrical devices greatly intensify sound and possibly permit a deaf person to distinguish between music and speech, but he cannot understand what is spoken. Yet even so, the deaf person who has never before heard could not possibly follow spoken words understandingly; he would be obliged to gradually become accustomed to the sounds, and like a child could only pick it up by degrees. The mediums which loudly proclaim the restoration of hearing to the deaf do vastly more harm than good. Parents who permit their deaf children to make plane ascensions in the hope of improving the hearing would seem to place their children under extreme risks. It is not pleasant to discourage deaf persons who may have high hopes of becoming able to hear, but it is safer to face the truth than to be misled into dangerous experiments which may have serious results.

The extensive consideration recently given to the "flying cure" for deafness, following an epidemic of "stunt" flying, brings to the front the disastrous consequences attending a too ready acceptance of unscientific opinion in matters controlling life and death. The craze for submitting deaf children to the higher air test became so rampant that the authorities were compelled to call a halt until members of the medical profession were consulted. The belief that deafness can be cured by airplane flying is on a par with other superstitions of a like character. So far from being in any way beneficial, the medical profession declares that airplane rides rather produce a degree of deafness, and in the case of people already deafened the condition is likely to be made worse by the fright resulting from stunting.

According to the *Volta Review*, when a deaf person claims that his hearing has been improved however slightly by ascent in an airplane, his statement cannot possibly be accepted. The only safe check up comes from a hearing test with an audiometer, which is not credulous and cannot be misleading. When, as borne out by tests conducted by Army Air Corps, the excessive noise of the airplane engine and the change from ordinary to rarified air pressure, the tendency is to injure the hearing of aviators themselves, it is a question as to how deafness in others can be reduced.

An article in *Views and Reviews*, by Dr. Douglas Macfarlane, offers interesting statements on this subject—the "flying cure." He says that in his experience only occasionally is a case found in which hearing is improved when negative pressure is applied, and such a condition would exist in flying. "Many of the cases of reported improvement of hearing after flying have a neurotic or hysteric background, or else are cases of simple self-persuasion."

Rather frequent reports of airplane dives taken by deaf persons in the hope of recovering hearing, and, in some cases the statement that hearing was restored, are not worthy of belief. Inquiry at the St. Louis, Mo., Washington University of Medicine, as to what extent deaf persons could expect improvement of hearing by such drastic procedure brought the answer, given by a professor of laryngology, that it was totally illogical to expect that hearing could be restored by airplane dives, or even bettered. The professor, one of the best known private practitioners on the subject in St. Louis, expressed the view that the human ear is one of the most complex organs of the human body. The complexity is indicated by the fact that the spiral ligament in the labyrinth of the ear is composed of a vast number of fibers and the spiral ligament, compared with the whole mechanism of hearing, is as a screw to a dirigible. Hearing is impaired or

destroyed only by destruction of some material portion of this intricate human agency. Once destroyed, no human power can restore that portion.

So, in effect, what one who is plunging an airplane is expecting is that something that is gone will be brought back. It would be as sensible for a one-legged man to plunge and expect, when he reached the ground, that he would have two legs. There is one solitary exception—the case of hysterical deafness. The treatment there is identical with treatment in general hysteria—heroic, sudden shock or fright. Hysterical deafness, however, is rare. It might be instantly cured by fright attending an airplane under stunts, just as it can be cured by rousing the patient to great anger for scaring him out of his senses and into hearing by some drastic process.

In the fact of such scientific and practical authority the practice of aeroplane "stunting" as an alleged cure of deafness is absurd; so common has been the practice that it is necessary to stress the futility of expecting lasting results from such a procedure. Quite a number of persons have paid with their lives in a senseless attempt to do that which eminent medical authorities have repeatedly stated is impossible—to cure deafness by gyrating in an aeroplane. Still there continued to be an epidemic of this character, resulting in accidents and miraculous escapes from death, but with no beneficial results to the patients. When physicians of high repute were consulted they were unanimous in stating that a deaf person could find no means of relief in such performances; it is sheer insanity to subject the deaf to such risks. As the *Americans Annals of the Deaf* reported, "Doting parents and relatives should realize that they are placing the lives of their loved ones senselessly in jeopardy when they undertake this form of treatment."

In spite of this sane professional advice, the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, in August, 1928, reported a triple fatality at Springfield, Massachusetts, in which one of the victims was a small boy sent aloft for the purpose of effecting an expected cure of his inability to speak, drawing attention to the theory which has been much paraded, notwithstanding the medical declaration that it is of no value. There have been accounts of improvement in the condition of deaf people after being carried through the loop-the-loop in a plane, but there is little ground for belief that any real relief has ever resulted. In the rare cases of hysterically deaf people, where fright and shock temporarily cause speech, the relief is no more than temporary. In all cases where the inability to speak is organic there cannot, by any slightest possibility, be any improvement.

But the shock and fright which are powerless to bring speech from lips behind which the physical machinery of speech does not exist may do irreparable damage to the nervous system of a child otherwise normal. They are more likely to harm than to help the child suffering from any form of hysterical impairment of speech. To subject a child to the serial "stunt" treatment in the hope of remedying muteness is cruel. It involves great risk of nervous damage, and, as the Springfield incident shows, the inevitable risk that accompanies such manoeuvres.

No less on authority than Lieutenant Colonel Levy M. Hathaway, flight surgeon of the Army Air Corps, has made special efforts in an endeavor to correct what he says has been proved an erroneous impression. Instead of being a cure for deafness, he said, deafness is caused and aggravated by flying. Colonel Hathaway would like to see an end to the increasing flights being made as an expected aid to faulty hearing. The actual effect upon flyers themselves proves that flying does not help hearing. Defective hearing is common among the flyers and is generally considered occupational. The deafness tends to progress as long as they keep flying.

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New York City

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On September 10th, a surprise party was arranged to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Edgar Bloom and also the thirtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bloom at the Griffon of Park Avenue, a restaurant famed for its French cuisine. The table was tastefully decorated with deep-red dahlias, making the room which was filled to the rafters a very colorful scene. At the end of a delicious supper, a few short and spicy speeches were made paying tribute to the unusually youthful couple.

Among those present to make the occasion an enjoyable and memorable evening for the happy couple were Messrs. and Mesdames Ascher, Bachrach, Cail, Call, DeLaura, Frankenheim, Hirsch, Irvine, Kenner, Lefi, Nemeth, Romero, Schapira, Simonson, Stein, Jr., Tarlen, Weil, Zwicker, Mrs. Goldwasser, Mrs. Haas, sister of Mrs. Bloom, Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Loew, Mrs. Menken, Mrs. Moses, Mrs. Paxton, Mrs. Schiele, sister of Mr. Bloom, Miss Abrams, Miss Bauerle, Miss Caplan, Mr. Armuth, Mr. Bloom, Jr., Mr. Gass, Mr. Lew Goldwasser, Mr. Levy and daughter, Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Sohmer, Mr. Souweine.

On October 1st, Mrs. Fred Griffith gave a surprise party to Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Scherer for their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at the Main Street Fire House in East Rockaway. Those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Frey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wollman, Mr. and Mrs. John Bohlman, Mrs. Loretta Ahmes, Miss Florence Ahmes, John Taplin, Robert McVea, John Bohlman, Jr., Fred Hoffman, Henry Koster, Joyce Dochtermann, Clifford Dochtermann, Theodore Raymon, James Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Griffith, Mr. Fred Griffith, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chamberlain, Mr. and Mrs. J. Krienik, Henry C. Scherer, Jr., Miss Ethel R. Scherer, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Smith, Henry Anderson, Miss Connie Herrlich, Mr. and Mrs. J. Friedman, Mrs. Lulu Dennerle.

Mr. Robert McVea gave an exhibition of his famous tricks. A purse was presented to the couple to buy an appropriate gift.

Dinner was served, which everybody enjoyed, after which the party broke up. Mr. and Mrs. Scherer are graduates of Fanwood, and quite popular in their section.

The committee for the Ball and Entertainment under the Auspices of the Knights and Ladies of De l'Epee Sick and Disability Association have all in readiness for their affair at the Brooklyn Elks Club Ballroom, 150 South Oxford Street, next Saturday, October 8th.

The K. L. D. considers itself fortunate to secure the services of Charlotte and Charles Lamberton to entertain the deaf and expresses the hope that they will avail themselves of the opportunity to see the famous pair.

It will also please the deaf to know that the K. L. D. has secured the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Romero, the popular New York couple and well known for their stage talents, for a two-act skit. Again, out of consideration for those who may, or wish to, come early, a Card Party will be had from 8 to 10 P.M. with cash prize awards. So there you have — an unusual wealth of pleasant times—all for only one dollar. See adv. on this page.

Sessions at duplicate bridge and "500" will be resumed on October 14th, Friday night, at 8 P.M., in the rooms of Union League of the Deaf, Inc., 711 Eighth Avenue. As in the past, a high standard of playing and conducting the tournament will be in effect and a generous amount of cash prizes will be awarded to winners. It should be carefully noted here that the admission price has been reduced

from 35 to 25 cents, which should meet with hearty approval of the many, many card wizards in this great big metropolis."

Mr. Emil Scheifler of Glen Ridge, N. J., went on a motor trip to Atlantic City on September 28th, with his son, and enjoyed a good time at the seashore.

PHILADELPHIA

News items for this column and subscriptions should be sent to Miss Alice Young, 5 Somerton Avenue, Somerton, Philadelphia.

The Quaker city deaf are certainly "raring" to go to Reading on October 8th and 9th. The big treat in store is that Berk's County Branch is preparing to celebrate their 30th anniversary with a banquet in grand style. So if any want to go and attend a banquet without speeches but with plenty of entertainment features, better hurry up and get tickets. The following Sunday the Reading Frats will provide an extra feature in the form of a giant smoker. By the way, the ladies won't be neglected, as they will have a social of their own, so all in all, it will be worth while traveling to Reading for those two days, and speaking of those who have automobiles need not it be said they offer up any excuses for not being able to attend.

A large attendance turned out for the first social event of the fall session of the Silent Athletic Club had to offer on Saturday night, September 24th. Mr. Steve Gasco acted as master of ceremonies, and with his hilarious games brought down the house. The luckiest person there that evening was none other than Mr. Leroy Gerhard, who won the door prize and the prize for guessing the approximate number of beans in a jar.

Out-of-town callers were Mr. Ray Mills of Detroit, Mich., and Edgar Bloom of New York City.

For her first fall activity the Alumnae Recreation Club is sponsoring a dinner and card party at the Fuhrman Inn, Ramstead Street at 21st Street, on Friday, October 21st, at six P.M. This is open to all members of the club plus their husbands and boy friends.

The Day Express and His Model Wife will be the scene of two comedy plays the Philadelphia Local Branch P. S. A. D. will give at All Souls' Church on November 21st, at 8:30 in the evening. Plans and tryouts are now getting under way. Miss Miriam Long is chairman of the play committee, and Messrs. Ed McManus and John Dunner will do the directing.

The next business meeting of the P. S. A. D. local branch here will be held at All Souls' Church on Saturday evening, October 15th.

Miss Evelyn Lauster of New York City, and Mr. Harold Haskins of Ithaca, Pa., will be united in marriage on Saturday, October 8th, at Hotel Saint George in Brooklyn. A small reception will follow immediately after the ceremony. After a honeymoon trip to Bermuda the couple will take up residence at the Walnut Lane Apartments in Germantown.

A letter comes in from Mr. Gerald Adler of Detroit, Mich. Concerning Mr. Adler, we had long given him up

for keeps since he deserted this city after his Gallaudet College days. Mr. Adler is now connected with the real estate business in Detroit and is making himself a permanent resident of Detroit.

Mr. Arthur Meacham, formerly of the New York School, has been added to the faculty of the Mt. Airy school. Mr. Meacham takes the place of Mr. John A. McIllyvaine, who resigned in June after twenty-five years of service.

Mr. Robert Fleming of Allentown, has accepted a position as assistant tailor instructor at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf.

Open House and Donation Day was held at the Home in Torredale on October 1st. Dinner was served and cards and dancing featured the evening pleasure.

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